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Subject: RE: EPA/ORD Responses to GAO - IRIS follow up

Thanks for this, Maureen – appreciate it!
Alisa

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Subject: EPA/ORD Responses to GAO - IRIS follow up

Hi Alisa

Good evening. In response to follow-up questions, please find attached the following documents:

- Response to GAO's questions
- Two zip files, containing all the responses received to the IRIS memo. One has the initial draft prioritizations, and the other has the updated prioritizations, including the most recent submission from OAR.


- Two PDF's of presentations provided by NCEA as additional documentation to respond to the follow up questions
- Two PDF's of communications from Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta regarding how to receive regional input on the IRIS memo process.

A response to question 5b (names and contact info for IRIS staff) was provided in our previous transmittal to GAO on 11/9/18 (see below). All these materials should be considered draft/deliberative.

Thank you. Please let us know if there are any questions or additional information is needed.

Maureen Hingeley

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Subject: RE: EPA/ORD response: RE: GAO Statement of Facts, Chemical Management Strategies

Heather – thank you for the additional information. We can give you until COB November 15 to provide additional information. If you have any information before then, we would appreciate receiving it as soon as possible. As we have mentioned, we are under extremely tight internal timeframes.

Thanks,
Summer

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Subject: RE: EPA/ORD response: RE: GAO Statement of Facts, Chemical Management Strategies

Good Afternoon, Alisa,

Thank you for your recent follow-up to our comments on GAO's statement of facts. Given the holiday weekend, we will need additional time to prepare our response to these questions. We request an extension until November 15 to provide this additional clarification.

However, as described in our previous response to the statement of facts, we are transmitting additional documentation to inform GAO's analysis for the IRIS portion of EPA's Chemical Management Strategies review. In this transmittal, we are providing copies of the prioritized needs for IRIS assessments submitted by OECA, OCSPP, OLEM, and OW. If other submissions are received by ORD, we will provide them as soon as possible. Please note that these documents should be considered draft/deliberative, as they are preliminary descriptions of program office needs, and will be reviewed and discussed with the Administrator in the near future. We hope this information provides greater clarity on the status of the IRIS memo and our current efforts to ensure alignment with the highest priority needs of the program offices.

Finally, your email from yesterday requests identification and contact information for individuals who were involved with TSCA assessment support. We would suggest:

- 1) Alan Sasso (Brief detail; PBPK modeling)
 - 202-564-2608 sasso.alan@epa.gov (ORD/NCEA/IRIS)
- 2) Tom Bateson or Leonid Kopylev (Asbestos working group)
 - 202-564-7846 bateson.thomas@epa.gov (ORD/NCEA/WASH)
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- 3) Johanna Congleton (Brief Detail; Risk evaluations; and TSCA Tiger Team)
 - 202 564-4348 conglenton.johanna@epa.gov (ORD/NCEA/IRIS)
- 4) Nagu Keshava (Risk Evaluations; TSCA Tiger Team)
 - 919-541-3047 keshava.nagu@epa.gov (ORD/NCEA/WASH)
- 5) Emma Lavoie (Overarching TSCA support)
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Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out.

Thank you,

Heather

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Good evening Maureen,

Thanks again for sending your comments on the statement of facts yesterday. We have gone through the comments and incorporated edits as appropriate. In addition, we have some clarifying/follow-up questions.

1. In comment 15, ORD suggested adding information routing nominations through the appropriate National Program Manager as the “current practice for soliciting nominations” for chemical assessments. If this is the new means of soliciting requests for assessments, please provide some evidence (a memo? guidance?) stating that the process for submitting nominations has changed in the manner described.
2. Based on comment 66, can you provide an estimated release date for the IRIS Handbook?
3. In comment 73, please provide some evidence of which assessments are currently active, and what work IRIS staff are currently doing for those assessments. Please provide evidence for any training of IRIS staff that may be taking place.
4. Also in comment 73, ORD said, “More specifically, staff were asked to continue to work on assessments with short timelines for completion or that seemed likely to be considered an Agency priority after completion of the survey process.” Please clarify how the IRIS Program/IRIS leadership is determining which assessments are likely to be considered a priority if the whole point of the survey is to determine EPA priorities? Is there some guidance that has been handed down from the Administrator’s Office on this? If so, please provide it.
5. Please provide any internal guidance or memos on transferring staff to OPPT/TSCA. What are they doing for TSCA? What have they been told about their work and the length of time they’ll be supporting TSCA?
 - a. Once the IRIS survey is complete and IRIS staff return to work on IRIS assessments, who will replace their time in OPPT?
 - b. Please provide the names and contact details for several of the IRIS staff who are currently supporting TSCA activities.
6. In our exit conference, we requested copies of the re-confirmation emails ORD had already received from program offices in the latest survey, as well as copies of any re-confirmations subsequently received. Please provide these as requested.

Please provide us with contact information (#5) by COB Friday, November 9. Please provide the other requested information by no later than COB Tuesday, November 12. Feel free to provide information as you receive it.

Thanks for your assistance on this, and don’t hesitate to get in touch if we can clarify any of these requests or questions.

Best,

Alisa

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Subject: EPA/ORD response: RE: GAO Statement of Facts, Chemical Management Strategies

Good afternoon,


Attached please find ORD's response to GAO's statement-of-facts on the IRIS portion of the EPA's Chemical Management Strategies review (GAO Job Code 102673).

Along with the response file, attached are additional PDF's of documentation that may assist with clarifications. Please note we will be following up with some additional materials in the near future.

Thank you for the additional time to provide comments. If there are any questions or additional information is needed, please reach out. Thank you.

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Maureen,

We are disappointed not to receive EPA comments COB today, and will expect them by COB tomorrow.

Best regards,
Diane

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Summer, Alisa, and Diane,

Good afternoon. ORD senior management is working diligently to finalize edits and comments to the Statement of Facts. However, the edits and comments will not be available by COB today. ORD senior management requires another extension for a few more hours to finalize our response; we are committed to submitting fully-developed comments no later than COB Wednesday Nov 7th.

We apologize greatly for the delay. As soon ORD's comments are ready tomorrow, we will immediately send them. Thank you.

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